**Alexander County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**2000 Washington Avenue**

**Cairo, IL. 62914**

 Chairman: Joe Griggs Vice Chairman: Bruce Sims

Commissioner: L. “Steve” Essex

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**April 25th, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Griggs @ 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call of Board Members:

* Joe E. Griggs: Present
* Bruce Sims: Present
* L. Steve Essex: Absent

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval of the April 11th, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval of appointing Christopher Kaufman to the Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval of re-appointing Jack Kaufman to the McClure East Cape Girardeau Fire Protection Dist. Motion passed by vote.

Erik Christensen met with the board via phone call about purchasing company owned property, parcel: 12-05-232-008. Parcel 12-05-232-008 consist of 7 lots (Lots 58, 60 thru 64, 68 Kilgore’s First Addition). The Assessor determined that the market value for parcel 12-05-232-008 was $600/lot, so for 7 lots the total would be $4,200. Mr. Christensen was not interested in that price and asked if the board would split up the parcels, and just sell him lot 68 for $600. The board agreed. County Clerk Price informed Mr. Christensen that he would be in touch with him to finalize the deed.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval of Resolution 04242023-1, a temporary interfund loan from American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) to the Ambulance Fund for $40,000 to be paid back in the first distribution of the 2022 payable 2023 tax cycle. Motion passed by vote.

The board asked for Treasurer Watkins to come in the and advise how to pay for the County Clerk to purchase new election equipment for the County. Mrs. Watkins explained that the only place to make the purchase from was the ARPA fund. Mrs. Watkins stated that the County usually receives Forestry money in July that will replenish the ARPA fund partially, but ARPA is the only place to make the payments for the new election equipment.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval of the County Clerk to purchase new election equipment (16 DS-200s & ballot boxes) for the County at the price of $118,053.50. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval to pay claims between April 12th, 2023 – April 25th, 2023. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval to pay EMA claims. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval to pay Ambulance Department claims. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval to pay Highway Department claims. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval to pay Alexander County Payroll. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by vote. Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zachary C. Price, County Clerk